



CITY COUNCIL JUNE 1st, 2015 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
City Hall, 1001 Bridge St. Vernonia OR 97064

 **ORIGINAL**

Mission Statement

The City of Vernonia pledges to be an ethical and responsive government using community collaboration to foster leadership and a vision for civic improvement while providing a safe, peaceful, economically viable community.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance -- Mayor Parrow

2. Additions or Removal of Agenda Items

Additions to Agenda –New Business

C. Dad's Recycling

D. Resident Advisor

E. WWTP Notice to Award

Motion made to accept Agenda with additions by Councilor Seager. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hult. Motion carried.

3. Mayor Report

-Application of Shirlee Daughtry for appointment to Cemetery Committee

There was consensus of Council to appoint Shirlee Daughtry to the Cemetery Committee. Mayor Parrow appointed Shirlee Daughtry to the Cemetery Committee.

4. Public Hearing- Adoption of FY 2015-2016 Budget, Tax Appropriations

Mayor Parrow opened the Public Hearing at 7:05pm.

Proponents: none

Opponents: none

Neutral: none

Mayor Parrow closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 pm.

5. Councilor Committee Meeting Reports

Hult-Councilor Hult attended the CCET meeting, C.A.T. staff gave an over view of their programs. Chuck Daughtry from CCET reminded citizens and Council that a survey went out and requesting their input. She attended the City/County Dinner likewise the C.A.T. staff presented there as well. Chief of Police for St. Helens presented a mental health training. **Seager**- Attended Public Works meeting, committee sent recommendation to Council regarding sewer loan. Discussions around FCS sewer rate change, water billing income. **Tierney**- did not attend Emergency Preparedness. **Parrow**- Did not attend the Parks meeting. **Scott Laird**- Parks Chair stated there was discussion about the restrooms at New Spencer Park. **Seager**- Attended the Airport meeting, the Pilot trailer is still up on blocks, and the committee wants to get water and sewer connected.

6. Topics from the Floor/Audience Participation

Ron Buffum- 990 Mist Drive Vernonia- He wants a medical Marijuana Dispensary in town, he is for this, and there are many other people that want it also. The vote for Medical marijuana was 15 years ago or so. Council should allow medical marijuana dispensary in Vernonia.

Steve Weller- 1264 G Street- He wasn't able to be there at the Public Hearing last meeting regarding the Vacating a portion of "H" Street. He would like to move this along. His

big concern was he wanted to call in, and if we were going to log it he would have been the first to not sign the letter of consent. He believes that Council should approve the vacation.

7. Consent Agenda for Acceptance

A. Weekly Departmental Updates from May 15th and May 22nd, 2015

B. Airport Committee Meeting Minutes October 23rd, 2014

Motion was made to accept the consent agenda for acceptance by Councilor Tierney.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda for Approval

A. City Council Minutes May 18th, 2015

3. harvested. *Councilor Seager seconded. Motion carried*

11.F. *The seniors did not want the bike rack.*

Motion was made to approve minutes from May 18th, 2015 with corrections by Councilor Hult.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Marijuana Dispensaries – Buffered Zones and Options

City Administrator Mammone spoke to the need from direction staff. Councilor Seager is suggesting a work session with the Council. Councilor Hult likes the idea of a work session, but likes the take City of St. Helens take that dispensaries are allowed in Downtown and General Commercial properties. Mayor Parrow looked at the vote from Vernonia over 700 voted yes, and over 500 voted no. Hult, Tierney, Parrow are for the statute mandated School buffer zone. Consensus of Council is to direct staff to bring back Business License ordinance in order to allow the placement of Medical Marijuana dispensary as allowed by Oregon statute.

B. Computer Update

Staff didn't bring back the off-site storage issue, it will come back. There are other options possible that are not as expensive as what was proposed.

10. New Business

A. Sewer Loan MMU/EDU charge adjustment

City Recorder described the situation and what was before the Council. Either Council directs staff to change the sewer loan payments for multi-unit customers or the Council directs staff to not change and set a date to complete the FCS sewer rate change. City Administrator explained in his words the situation and stated that staff's recommendation is to set a date and only change the rate for multi-unit customers once. Bruce McNair said that the staff statement it is a red herring, these particular customers are not being charged what they should be. With a small verbiage change it goes back to what it was. Consensus of Council to direct staff to change the Master Fee schedule and bring it back to Council at the June 15th meeting.

B. Trailer Business Request – Jim

Discussion was held regarding the use of City property by Jim Gardner. Council approved the application 8 days throughout the 2015 calendar year, excluding Jamboree and Salmon Festival. Once the transient business license is approved he will fall under the said process.

C. Dad's Recycling

Mayor Parrow brought up the subject of Dad's Recycling co-mingle recycling business, it is owned by Waste Management you call and they pick it up. One suggestion was the City owned parking lot by Vernonia Cares. Councilor Tierney asked about floodplain issue and possible grant restrictions. Discussion centered on the idea of Commercial Recycling. Council directed staff to look into the franchise agreement and whether or not commercial customers can get

recycling. Is there a cost? Council consensus was that it needs to go back to Waste Management, behind their fence.

D. Resident Inspector

City Administrator explained the candidate for Resident Inspector for the WWTP project. Motion was made to authorize the attached letter for Dan Ayers to be the Resident Inspector for the WWTP project and authorize the City Administrator to sign it by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hult. Motion carried.

E. WWTP Notice to Award

Public Works Committee members want to be better informed of dates. They did not have a representative present for the bid opening.

Motion was made to send out a Notice to Award to R& G Excavating by Councilor Seager. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tierney. Motion carried.

11. Business from Departments

A. Police Department – Chief Michael Conner

Code Enforcement officer is back from vacation. Traffic concerns are being addressed. Many citizen complaints about speeding on State Street, the radar trailer will be placed there soon. Officer Brady gave out a ticket for 104 miles per hour.

B. City Administrator – Gian Paolo Mammone

A. City Administrator Report

Councilor Jill Hult has a question regarding the Planner/GIS position posting, she stated that the combination was a hope, but not how it has to be. We potentially are not going to find someone who is skilled in both areas. There is concern that we will get more of a generalist. City Administrator wanted to have comprehensive information. He needed to explore the possibility, it was an opportunity for the City to find a person with both planning and GIS experience.

Columbia County Road Department- City Recorder had been contacted by Kelly Lundberg from Col. Co. Roads and they are interested in the pile of asphalt the City has down on the old Mill site to be used to re-lay a road in the area. The road department would be interested in the material for free and would be willing to have the brick material from the old school crushed for the City at no charge. Council agreed this would be a good deal and directed staff to work with the road department to draft an agreement stating the above understanding. There was consensus of Council to proceed.

July 4th- PR Campaign – The City Recorder explained that the 4th of July is coming up and the Parks staff would like no one on the new fields at Spencer Park. The plan of staff is to publicize to the community that the non-play field area we are allowing to be used for the Car Show at Jamboree can be used during the 4th of July evening. The new field areas will be ribboned off to remind citizens that the fields are not yet ready for use. There was consensus of Council to proceed and notify the public of the allowed area.

Action Items-

From last meeting that needed following up on from Councilor Tierney:

Have we been able to follow up with ODOT for the request for the crosswalk on Hwy 47? City Administrator, no we have not talked to ODOT yet.

Does staff have a sense of when staff will bring back the Tobacco Free Parks ordinance? Staff stated at the first Council meeting in July 6th, 2015.

12. Ordinances/Resolutions

A. Ordinance 904: An Ordinance of the City of Vernonia vacating a portion of H Street between East Avenue and California Avenue

Motion to adopt Ordinance 904 was made by Councilor Seager. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tierney. Motion carried. Ayes Seager, Hult, Tierney, and Parrow. The ordinance was read by title only for the 1st time, as no Councilor wished that the ordinance be read in full. The ordinance was read by title only for the 2nd time, and will become effective 30 days hence.

B. Ordinance 905: An ordinance amending Ordinances 895/898 pertaining to prescription of rules and regulations for the conduct and management of the Water Department of the City of Vernonia

Motion was made to adopt Ordinance 905 was made by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried. Ayes Seager, Hult, Parrow, Tierney. The ordinance was read by title only for the 1st time, as no Councilor wished that the ordinance be read in full. The ordinance was read by title only for the 2nd time, and will become effective 30 days hence

C. Resolution 08 -15 Adoption of FY 15-16 Budget and Appropriations

Motion made to adopt Resolution 08-15 by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hult. Motion carried. 4 ayes.

D. Resolution 09 -15 Accepting State Revenue Sharing

Motion made to adopt Resolution 09-15 by Councilor Seager. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hult. Motion carried. 4 ayes.

13. Correspondence

14. Items from Mayor, Councilors, City Administrator

Hult- Apologizes to Airport Committee for missing the meeting. **Seager-NONE**
Tierney- Five earthquakes that happened off the Oregon coast today The State of Oregon is not well prepared for this kind of disaster. **Parrow- NONE**

15. Action Items Summary – City Administrator

- Consensus to direct staff to bring back Business License ordinance, at next meeting June 15th, 2015, amending it to allow Medical Marijuana dispensaries and changing wording.
- Consensus of Council to direct staff to change the Master Fee schedule and bring it back to Council at the June 15th meeting.
- Staff to look into the franchise agreement to see if commercial customers can get recycling. Is there a cost.
- Staff will bring back the Tobacco Free Parks ordinance, first Council meeting in July 6th, 2015. Council looking to adopt at the 2nd meeting in July.
- Staff to return with crosswalk information.

Recess to Executive Session at 8:57pm.

16. Recess to Executive Session as per ORS 196.660(2)(d)

*The City Council will now meet in Executive Session for the purpose of
(d) Labor Negotiations*

The executive session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2), which allows the Council to meet in executive session for the purpose stated.

*Representatives of the news media and designated staff are allowed to attend the executive session.**

All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room.

**Council may choose to allow other specified persons to attend.*

"A member of the news media or designee may not disclose any information from executive session, may not tape record, digitally record, and/ or video record any information to decrease the likelihood that information discussed in the executive session will be inadvertently disclosed."

17. Return to Open Session for Final Action

Adjournment 9:31pm

These minutes were approved at the regular City Council meeting June 15th, 2015.


Randall J. Parrow, Mayor

Attest: 
Josette M. Mitchell, City Recorder

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